

Notes from Command Briefing #6

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Notes from 5:30pm call:

- 50 people on Hill, 1000 in streets, POT and convoys getting frustrated – meeting with them to negotiate settlement; OPPS reported slow moving vehicles westbound to create havoc; intel indicates [REDACTED] being targeted; Feb 2nd still leave date; staffing levels good; OPP helping; days being relieved; protestors have \$8.5M in GoFundMe; one call for service – intoxicated female
- Protestors don't appear to be leaving; need plan; minimize traffic inflow; need to consider injunction and how to execute, consider plan for continuity of protection and operation;
- Three analysts need to be extended; CoC needs to be made aware;
- Plan to talk to 7 organizers then go truck to truck with messaging; keep responses and identifying info for tracking/data collection;
- Messaging to include 'time to go'; seeking injunction; resources in place;
- Need to understand specific steps to get injunction and specific execution approach if received; need immediate action plan once signed; be prepared and read to go if injunction received;
- Consider risks if injunction not granted;
- Many factors to support injunction – noise bylaw, MTO, parking, idling, access for emergency vehicles hindered, critical infrastructure not accessible, criminal acts, ongoing criminal investigations, online threats, injuries, costs, CSWB concerns, need for it to end peacefully;
- Hotel association would like meeting; they have been affected and very cooperative; people are rebooking for next weekend;
- Messaging to indicate we're working with organizers on safe departure; will use \$750,000 to \$1M in costs per day; traffic disruptions will continue into tomorrow, no access to downtown; stay out of downtown core;

- Chief – great success so far; don't let evening shift officers down; figure out staffing to continue is full on operation mode; reassessment of risk will determine action; information sharing; level of complexity has increased.

Mtg with David White

- Significant impact of protest on community and police – cooperation deteriorating; several kilometers of vehicles parked in downtown core and on SJAM; difficulty maintaining bus routes, some defiance of crowd; reports of bribery, vandalism, intimidation of officers, EMS truck moved due to aggressive protestors; Confederate flags, swastikas, evidence online of violence being incited; desecration of monuments; staffing is difficult; costing \$750,000-\$1M per day; [REDACTED] being targeted; other important policing activities not being done; injunction is necessary;
- Coordination through EOC and Control Group needs to be done;
- Injunction normally associated with labor disputes;
- Building a case needs to be founded on public safety; issues of violence, ability to keep downtown open;
- How injunction will be enforced will be important to outline;
- Financial impact likely won't outweigh Charter rights;
- Consider broadness of injunction ask; needs to be specific;
- If compliance to the injunction fails what is the penalty - contempt or imprisonment;
- Usually injunctions are against a group; this is a disparate group lacking cohesiveness;
- Consider risk assessment while injunction is explored;
- Discussion with Kim Ayotte and Steve Kanellakos is required;
- Consider what power injunction provides that we don't already have;
- Injunction is more assertive step – might aggravate situation;
- Injunction might give platform/outlet to protestors;
- City needs to support; Chief requested David White call city manager to advise him Chief would be calling to discuss;

Mtg following David White

- PLT have negotiated with protestors to move their trucks off Wellington and onto the side; they indicated they are staying long term; they will provide a plan for moving;
- Money is their leverage; different negotiations needed; message that the city will not be shut down, concerns regarding health and safety will not be ignored; staffing cannot be sustained; inform them we will enable them to mass protest without vehicles; holding the city hostage will no longer be tolerated; red line being drawn; we will tow, impound and consider obstruct justice charges and imprison if necessary;
- Three streams necessary to move forward 1) sit with commanders and give specific instructions on negotiating/communicating with organizers; 2) actively plan tear down – and how it would work; 3) engage EOC regarding injunction;
- DC Bell to pull together risk assessment by mid-day tomorrow;
- Marin is putting together demobilization plan;
- Clear lanes of negotiation – DC Bell to start – vehicles need to be removed, unfettered access, facilitation of lawful demonstrations, help with ingress and

- egress of these, close down Wellington for people demonstrating; enforcement to start with immediate area and fan out; primary enforcement for biggest risks to public safety; need hard and fast messaging;
- Consider whether we negotiate on behalf of RCMP for Sir John A MacDonald bridge;
 - PLT to continue negotiations to clear Wellington and surrounding areas; next messaging to come from Executive or IC;
 - [REDACTED]
 - Operational plan – over next 24-36 hours – increase operational capability to manage;
 - Supt. Reaume to extend ESU;
 - Current media update to be reviewed asap; concern over individuals losing patience and altercations;
 - Cannot sustain level of effort; ;Chief wants firms plans by tomorrow noon – moving forward with injunction or not, to remove or not remove vehicles, a firm plan including risk assessment; no capacity to carry on after Wednesday.
 - Next briefing 8:00-9:00am tomorrow